



Oak Hill

Since 1893, services & solutions
for people with disabilities.

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With guidance, people with low vision or blindness can live independent and fulfilling lives. Help them develop their potential...

Oak Hill: over a century of vision

For over 100 years, Oak Hill has served people who are blind or visually impaired in Connecticut and is pleased to announce its expanded services at the Eleanor A. Brooks Blindness Related Supports Center at Oak Hill.


“By reaching out to people whose primary disability is blindness, Oak Hill is continuing the vision of its founder, Emily Wells Foster – providing the means through which people who are blind can lead productive, meaningful lives.”

–Patrick J. Johnson, Jr., ACSW,
president, Oak Hill

Blindness Related Programs:

Independent housing:

Oak Hill has 10 apartments (located in Hartford County) in the community serving adults who are visually impaired and blind. Funding from the U.S.



Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has enabled Oak Hill to develop independent living that has removed the worry of nursing home placement for families.

Community supports: Oak Hill provides training and supports to enhance daily living skills, personal management, employment, social and leisure activities in the community.

Vocational Center for people who are blind and visually impaired is designed to assist in achieving meaningful employment.

Eleanor A. Brooks Blindness Related Supports Center at Oak Hill is an invaluable resource, offering the following:

Equipment and Software – to enable people to excel in school, find and keep jobs, and live in their own homes

Blind and Low Vision Evaluation and Training – available for individuals in their own homes or at their work sites



Job Placement Assistance and Computer Training –

adults interested in meaningful employment with computer training, information on current job opportunities and transportation options, and assistance with interview skills.

Summer Camp for Youth with Low Vision and Blindness –

enables teens to attend a week-long residential program with training in orientation and mobility; assistive technology; computer and Internet use as well as information on pursuing a degree in higher education and career opportunities.

Vision Open Houses –

offered several times each year showcasing the latest technology to improve life; product demonstrations and consultations; vendor displays; and featured experts in the field of low vision and blindness.

Did you know? Over 70% of all adults with visual impairments are unemployed.

Oak Hill's Vocational Center for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired fills a vital need in the community.

Employment Support:

Our Vocational Program is for adults who are blind or visually impaired, unemployed and interested in achieving economic independence through meaningful employment. We can help you:

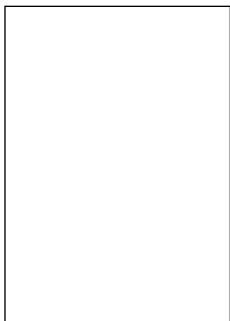
- Identify your strengths
- Provide computer training
- Enhance your interview skills
- Find job opportunities
- Identify transportation options

Computer Training:

Being computer literate and proficient is an important part of many jobs. We offer personalized or group training on many adaptive software programs.

“People need to feel productive, otherwise they feel lonely, useless, and asking what am I doing in life? The extra money I have now is such a help. I can

even support my guide dog Simon and pay the bills for his food and his vet. I would recommend Oak Hill to any blind person looking for work.”



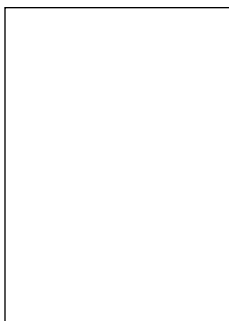
Nancy Hays, employed at Vision Dynamics after participating in the Oak Hill's Vocational Program

Computer Instruction and Assistive Technology

We provide computer instruction in the following programs:

- Introduction to computers (Windows and the Internet)
- JAWS (screen reader program)
- Window-Eyes (screen reader program)
- Zoomtext (magnification and/or screen reader program)
- Magic (magnification and/or screen reader program)
- Openbook (scanning and reading program)

- Kurzweil 1000 (scanning and reading program)
- Microsoft Office (productivity suite)



We provide individual assistive technology, adaptive equipment evaluations and work site assessments and recommendations for employees, human resource professionals and employers.

(photos)

Electronic magnifiers

Scanning and reading machines

Portable note takers

Bar code readers

Computer and adaptive software

And much more!

Meet Steve Famiglietti

Manager of the Oak Hill's Vocational Program for people who are blind or visually impaired



Legally blind since birth, Steve has spent many years working with adaptive technology and has seen first hand how it can play a major role in allowing people with low vision or total blindness to have the same opportunities as their sighted peers.

“Working full-time has provided me with so many benefits: self-confidence, intellectual stimulation, socialization, and independence,” says, Steve. *“I am excited and eager to work with you in finding part-time or full-time employment.”*

To schedule a personal consultation: Contact Steve Famiglietti at (860) 286-3100; toll free in CT (866) 526-4492; (860) 286-3113 TTY; or email: famigliettis@ciboakhill.org

Testimonials:

“My 88-year-old aunt suffers from macular degeneration. After seeing your video magnifier, we bought it that day. My aunt has been using it to read with daily. Before the magnifier, my aunt was giving up on life. Macular degeneration was robbing her of her one great pleasure, reading. We can’t thank you enough for helping us help her rekindle her enthusiasm for life. We were amazed by all of the equipment that is available for the sight-impaired and the host of services that you provide to people with disabilities of all kinds. We look forward to sharing this with others.”

—Marilyn Afrotone, New Hartford

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Request for Information

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like more information on the following:

- Housing for Adults with Low Vision and Blindness
- Transportation
- Equipment and Software
- Blind and Low Vision Evaluation and Training
- Job Placement Assistance
- Computer Training
- Introduction to computers and the Internet
- JAWS
- Window-Eyes
- Zoomtext

- Magic
- Openbook
- Kurzweil 1000
- Microsoft Office
- Other
- Summer Camp for Youth with
Low Vision and Blindness
- Vision Open Houses and
other Events

(Please photocopy and mail or
fax to Oak Hill.)

Mission

Oak Hill enhances independence and quality of life for people with disabilities, including visual impairments, by setting the standard in providing innovative solutions, program excellence, services and advocacy.



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